

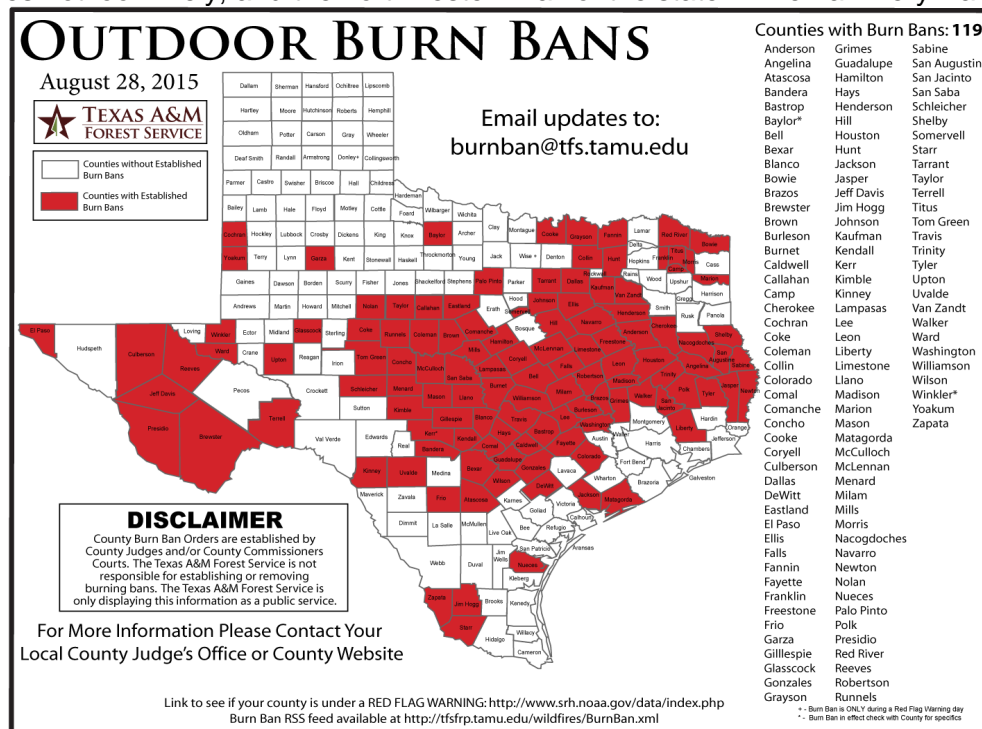


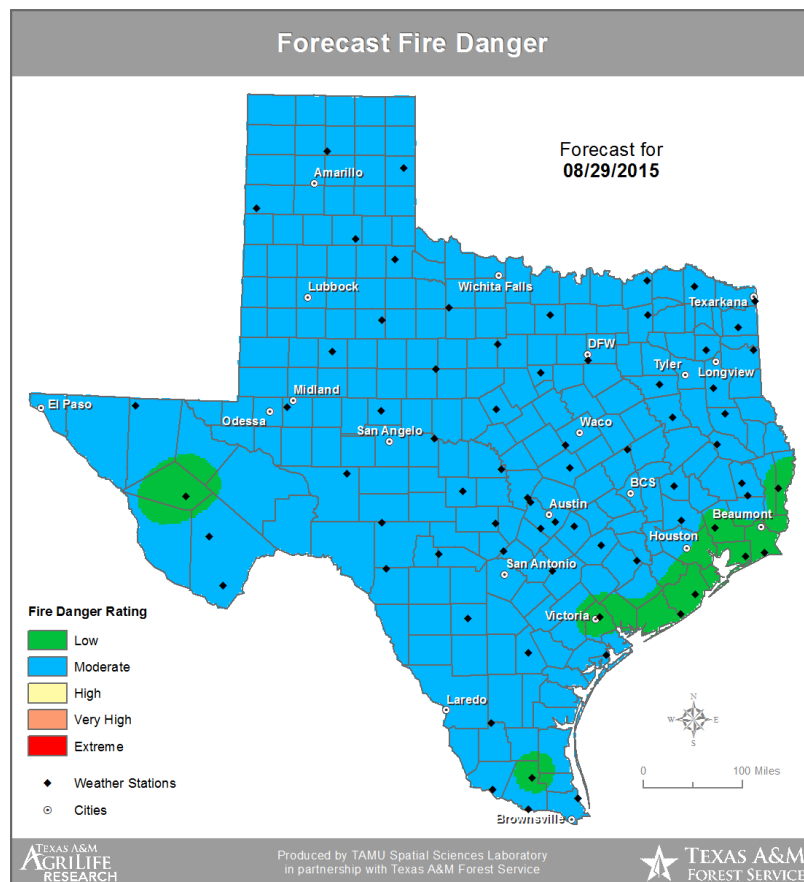
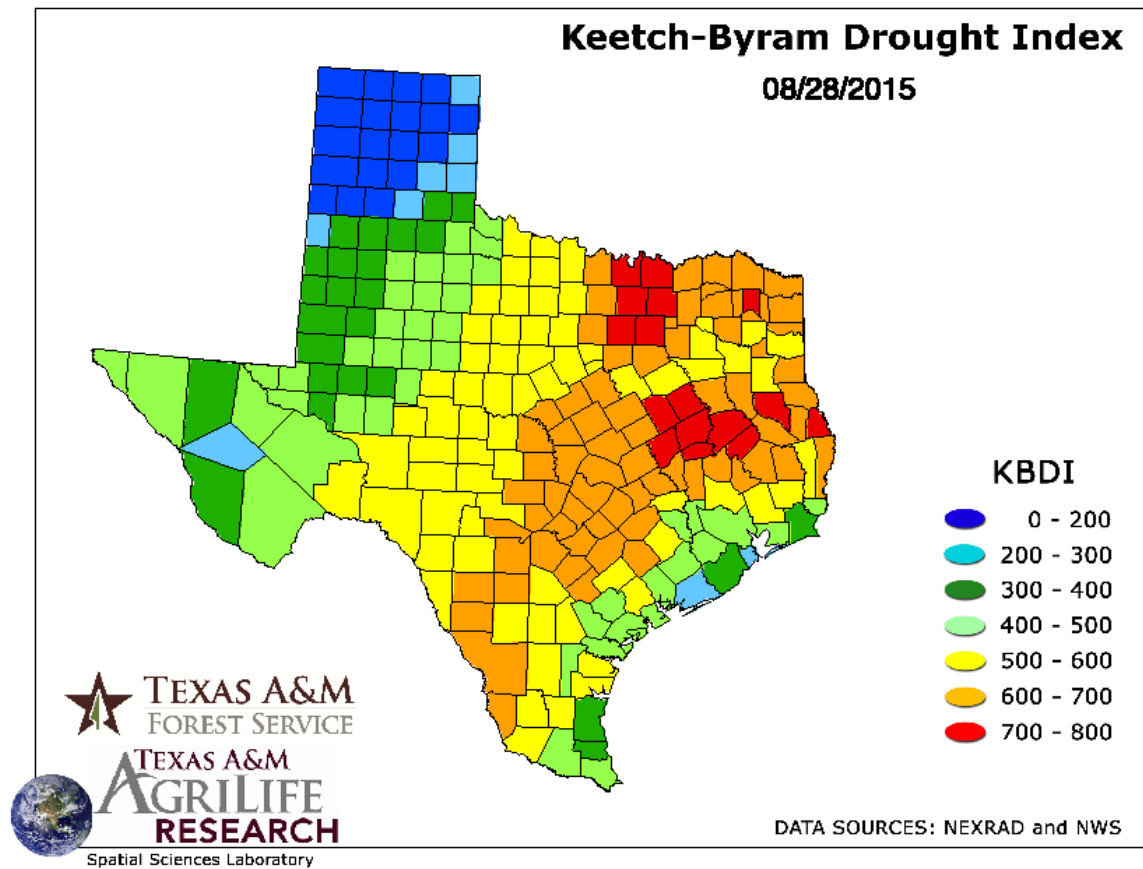
Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
Date	08/29/2015
Time	0700
Operational Period	0700 08/28/15 thru 0700 08/29/15
Report Number	18

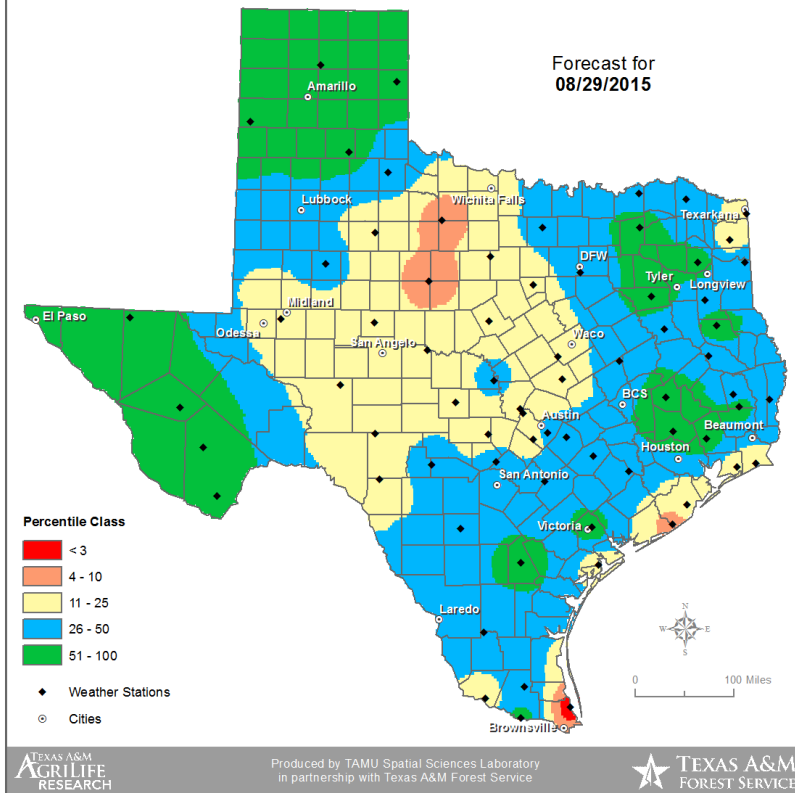
Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3 & 4
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: As dry weather conditions and a high pressure ridge prevail over the state, a number of large wild fires continue across Texas. By Sunday and into next week the high pressure ridge is forecast to shift back east toward southern New Mexico, although its areal influence will shrink. A weakness in the ridge may allow a low pressure system to form over East Texas by Monday. If this occurs, some shower and thunderstorm activity may develop along the Gulf Coast where atmospheric moisture will be deepest. As this low persists across East Texas Tuesday into Wednesday there is a chance for showers over roughly the southeastern half of Texas. At this point heavy rain does not look likely, and the northwestern half of the state will remain very warm and dry.



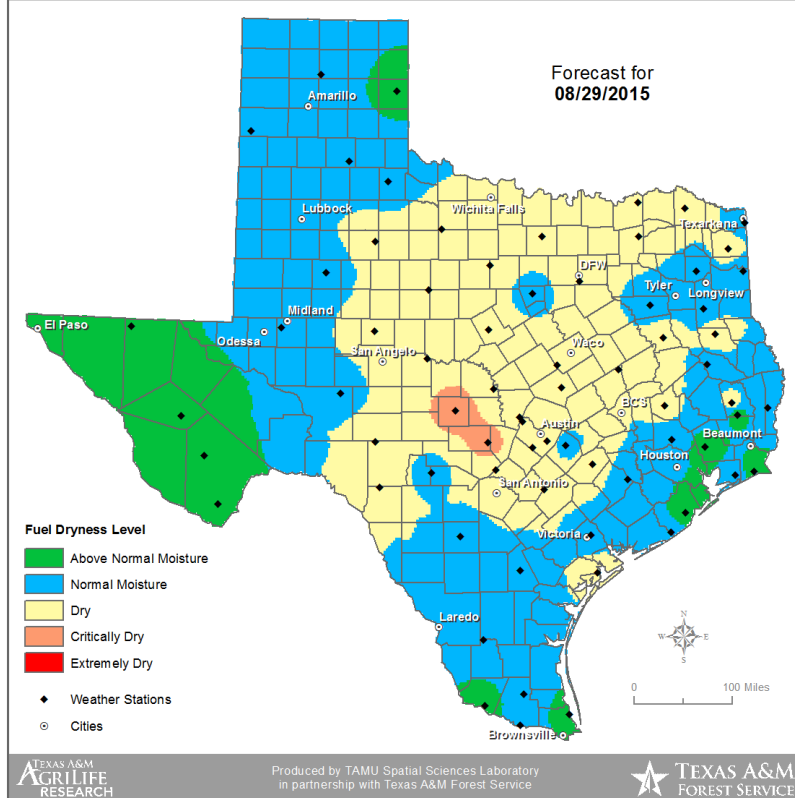


Forecast 10 Hour Fuel Moisture Percentile



Forecast Fuel Dryness

(based on 100hr and ERC percentiles)



Operational Priorities:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

Rusk County:

A wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 6 acres and is 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Gregg County:

A wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 36 acres and is 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Anderson County:

A wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 6 acres and is 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Shelby, Nacogdoches, Houston, Angelina, San Augustine, Sabine, Trinity, San Jacinto, Polk, Tyler, Jasper and Newton Counties)

Houston County:

A wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 53 acres and is 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties)

Val Verde County:

Malone Fire: A wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 100 acres and is 0% contained. One home and one utility barn were involved.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

Schleicher County:

Wilabee Fire: The wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 300 acres and is currently 60% contained. There are four homes threatened.

Hulldale Fire: The wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 150 acres and is 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Crockett County:

Buckholt Fire: The wildfire started on 8/27/15, burned 1,000 acres and is currently 25% contained. There is one home threatened.

Prickley Pear Fire: The wildfire started on 8/28/15, burned 5,000 and is currently 0% contained. There are no homes threatened.

Mason County:

Eaton Cem Fire: The wildfire started on 8/27/15, burned 3,000 acres and is currently 30% contained. There are 23 homes threatened.

Tom Green County:

Rocking Chair Ranch Fire: The wildfire started on 8/27/15, burned 425 acres and is currently 95% contained. There are no homes threatened.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Highway Patrol is assisting with traffic control.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS is responding to numerous fires and assisting local fire departments.

Aviation Assets: Three federal helicopters in Smithville, Kerrville, and Fredericksburg; two single-engine Air Tankers in Fredericksburg, two Air Attack aircraft, one in College Station and one in Fredericksburg; and one STAR Flight helicopter Kerr County.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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